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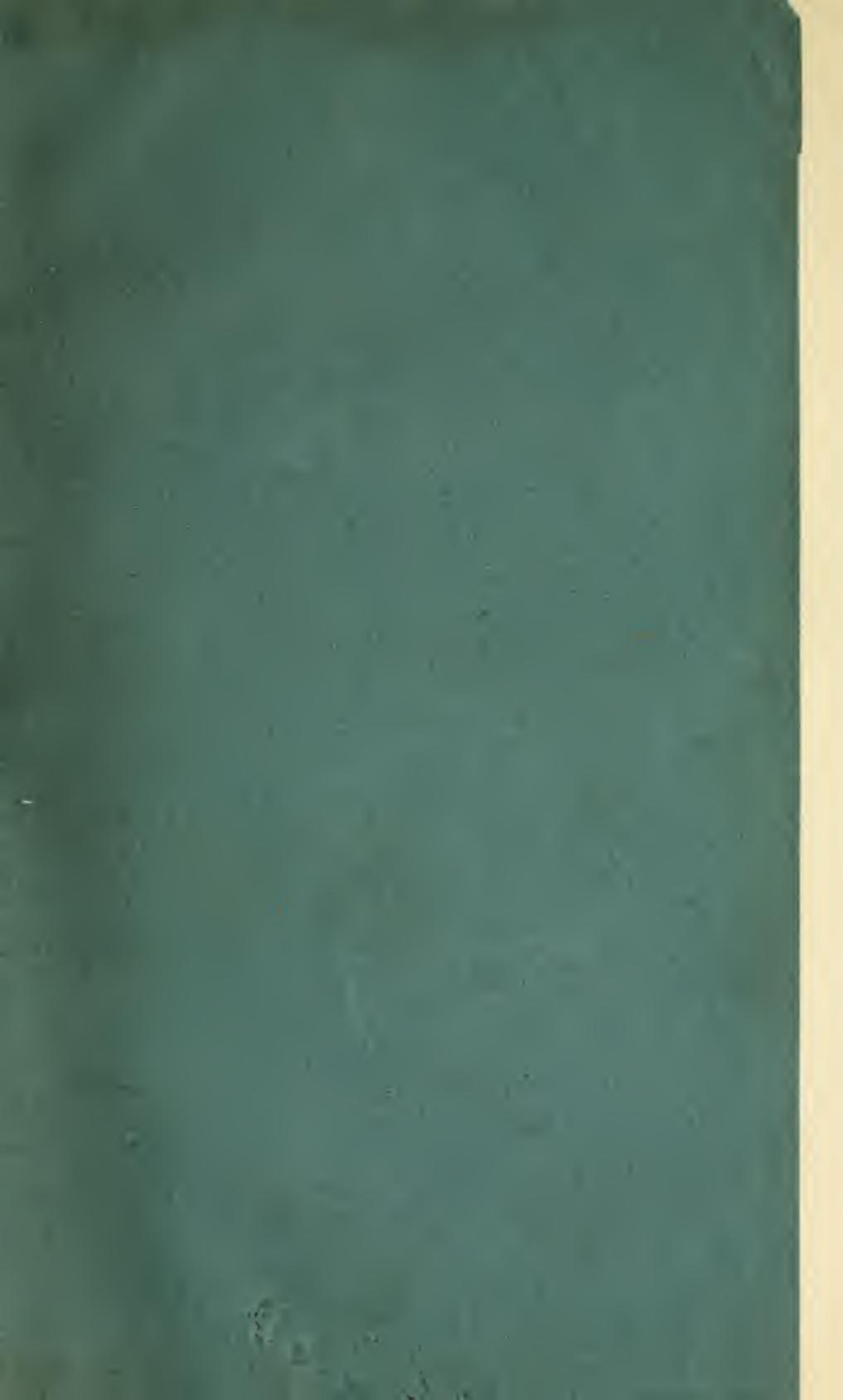
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*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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APPROVED—The twenty-seventh day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

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The Society shall have a President, and two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Curators, a Secretary and Assistant Secretary and Librarian, all of whom shall be annually elected by the tickets of a majority of the members present at the stated meeting of the Society in January; the officers not then elected may be chosen at any stated meeting thereafter on being nominated at a preceding meeting, and such intention shall be duly notified in a public newspaper and in a reasonable time before the meeting, at which a choice is to be made. The persons, so elected, to continue in office one year, and until others are chosen in their stead. In case of any vacancy, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the same may be supplied by a new election, to be made at any stated meeting of the Society, the person thus newly elected to serve the remainder of the year.

### IV.—OF A QUORUM.

A quorum for business shall consist of at least five members, including the President or Vice-President.

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## V.—DUTY OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT OR CHAIRMAN.

At all meetings of the Society the President shall exercise the usual duties of that office ; all motions shall be addressed to him, and on all questions he shall collect and declare the votes including his own ; he shall also have the power to call special meetings of the Society, but all special meetings and their objects shall be notified by the Secretary and published in two or more city newspapers, at least eight days before any special meetings shall take place ; in his absence the same duties shall be performed by a Vice-President ; and if it happen, at any meeting of the Society, that the President and Vice-Presidents be absent, the members present being a quorum to constitute a regular meeting for the business to be transacted, may choose a chairman for that meeting.

## VI.—DUTY OF THE TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall keep the accounts methodically stated, in the books of the Society, and when called upon, produce them for inspection. At the last meeting of every year, and also when his office ends, he shall produce a fair and regular account of all receipts, payments and expenditures : and deliver it, together with those books and all other property of the Society, in his hands, to his successor in office, or to the order of the Society.

## VII.—DUTY OF THE CURATORS.

The Curators are to take charge and care of all property and articles belonging to the Society, the books and papers excepted, which are to remain in charge of the Secretary : the Library to be under the care of the Librarian, who is to assist the Curators in everything in which his aid is required. The Curators are to take measures from time to time, for collecting all native fossils and earthly substances proper for manures, or deemed to be so, and to cause or procure the same to be analysed, and report to the Society the result. They are also to procure experiments to be made by careful agriculturists, of any such fossils, earths or substances, and to promote in every practicable way explorations, for the discovery of native substances, either known or presumed to be manures or auxiliaries in fertilising land. They are also to keep minutes of their proceedings, to collect models of the best agricultural instruments, and report their usefulness and properties, and cause such models to be deposited in the apartments of the

Society ; they are to recommend to the Society from time to time the offering of premiums, for any discovery or experiment on the foregoing subjects, and to examine into the merits of all claims for premiums and report their opinion thereon, when the Society do not think proper to appoint special committees for that purpose.

#### VIII.—DUTY OF THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary and his assistant shall have in charge all books and papers of the Society, and keep the same in exact order ; they shall register all letters which shall be written by the committee of correspondence, or by themselves, by order of the committee.

#### IX.—COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND ACCOUNTS.

At the annual meeting of the Society in January, shall be chosen a committee of correspondence, to consist of two members, for the purpose of corresponding with any other Society, or persons, touching the objects which this Society has in view. The same members shall also be a committee of accounts, to receive and adjust all claims against the Society, and their certificate shall authorise the President or a Vice-President, to issue orders on the Treasurer for the payment of them, but nothing herein contained shall preclude the right of the Society to pass or refer any account at a regular meeting.

#### X.—TIME OF STATED MEETINGS.

The stated meetings of the Society shall be held the first Wednesday of every month, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

#### XI.—OF RESIDENT AND HONORARY MEMBERS.

The members of the Society shall be distinguished into resident, honorary, and contributing members. Resident members shall consist of members residing within a convenient distance to attend the meetings of the Society in Philadelphia. All members of agricultural societies in other States and counties, with whom this Society shall correspond, and all persons of this State, and of other States and counties, who shall be elected for the purpose, shall be honorary members; and are hereby invited to assist at the meetings, whenever they come to Philadelphia. Strangers who desire to be present, as auditors, may be introduced by a resident member. Honorary contributing members are of the description hereafter mentioned.

#### XII.—HONORARY CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS.

Every citizen contributing and paying into the hands of the

Treasurer, a sum not less than fifty dollars, may be elected agreeably to the rules, an honorary member; those who thus laudably enable the Society to extend its usefulness and promote its objects, are invited to assist at its meetings: they will be styled honorary contributing members.

### XIII.—OF DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS.

All donations and bequests for general purposes, shall be faithfully used, and regular accounts kept of their applications. Such donations or bequests as are given, granted, made or devised, on terms directing their being used in, or applied to, any particular purpose, shall with all due fidelity be so used or applied, and if they, or any of them, shall not be at the time sufficient to accomplish the object designated, in whole or in part, they and every of them shall be placed in a situation (if practicable) to accumulate until by addition of other means, the objects intended can be effectuated. The names, amount, and description, of donations of all citizens, contributing pecuniary or other donations of any amount or description whatever, shall be registered in a roll, kept for that special purpose. They well merit and receive the thanks of the Society, for the patriotism and public spirit evinced by their thus affording the means of accomplishing the objects of the institution.

### XIV.—ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

New members, whether resident or honorary, shall be elected by ballot, and the Secretary shall issue notices to each person of his being elected to the following purport: The Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture, have elected a resident or honorary member, in testimony of their confidence in his capacity and inclination to promote the objects of their Institution.

### XV.—ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.

All elections and appointments, except of the officers of the Society, shall take place at one of the stated meetings of the Society, and no person shall be elected a member, whether resident or honorary, unless at a preceding stated meeting, he shall have been openly proposed, and such nomination duly entered on the minutes of the Society; the nomination and election to be in the absence of the candidate. The officers of the Society shall be elected at the annual meetings of the Society, in each year, between the hours of twelve o'clock at noon, and two o'clock, P. M.; or in case no election is then made, then at such time thereafter as they may appoint. No

member shall be allowed to vote at the annual meeting, unless his arrearages of subscription due the Society be previously paid.

#### XVI.—OF PREMIUMS.

The Society shall annually, or at any stated meeting, propose prizes upon interesting subjects relative to actual experiments and improvements, and for the best pieces written on proposed subjects ; and in order more effectually to disseminate the knowledge of useful discoveries and improvements in husbandry, the Society will from time to time, publish collections of memoirs and observations, selected from such communications as shall be made to them. To promote these views, the friends of agriculture are invited to assist the Society with information of experiments, and incidents in husbandry.

#### XVII.—CONDITIONS OF PREMIUMS AND RULE FOR THEIR ADJUDICATION.

All claims of prizes shall be sent in writing ; and when read, the Society shall determine which of the claims, relative to each prize, shall be selected for their definite judgment, on a future comparison. This judgment is to be given at the stated meeting on the third Tuesday in February, or at any other stated meeting ; but previously to such determination, all such claims shall be submitted to, and reported upon by the Curators. If it happen, in any case, that there be no competition for a prize, but only a single claim, the Society will consider such claim ; and if the claim or claims be supported answerably to their views and just expectations of the Society, the prize proposed shall be decreed. Prizes and premiums are equally due to any persons residing in any of the United States, according to the merit of their respective exhibitions.

#### XVIII.—OF ANNUAL PAYMENTS.

For the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of the Society, for premiums and prizes, books on agriculture, improved implements of husbandry, and other important objects and contingencies, every member shall annually pay to the Treasurer a contribution of **FOUR DOLLARS**. All annual contributions shall be considered payable on or before the stated meeting in June of each year ; members elected at or before that period shall contribute **FOUR DOLLARS**, and those elected subsequently shall pay **two DOLLARS** for the current year terminating on the 31st of December.

#### XIX.—CHANGE OF RESIDENCE OF MEMBERS.

If any resident member shall remove beyond the limits pre-

scribed, he shall not in virtue of his resident membership, be eligible as a candidate for honorary membership, without being regularly proposed as such.

#### XX.—OF LIFE SUBSCRIPTION.

Any member paying THIRTY DOLLARS shall be considered a member for life, and shall not be called on for any farther annual payments.

#### XXI.—OF MEMBERS IN DEFAULT.

At the first meeting in January, of every year, the Treasurer shall lay before the Society a list of the members, specifying who have, and who have not paid their contributions, and any member whose contributions shall be found to be more than two years in arrears, after the same shall have become due, and payable aforesaid, provided payment thereof has been personally demanded of him by the Treasurer, or collector authorised by him for the purpose, such member shall be considered as withdrawing from the Society, and be no longer deemed a member of it, and the same shall be entered on the minutes.

#### XXII.—OF NEW RULES.

New rules or alterations to be made in old rules, except at the annual meeting in January, shall be proposed and the proposal entered on the minutes, at a preceding stated meeting, and may then be made by not less than two-thirds of the members present.

#### XXIII.—OF DISPOSITION OF THE FUNDS

When any part of the Society's funds is to be disposed of excepting at the annual meeting or for ordinary contingent expenses, the same shall be done at a stated meeting, or special one, after having been proposed at a previous stated meeting.

#### XXIV.

Still farther to advance the objects of this institution, the Society will promote the establishment of other similar Societies in the United States.

## LIST OF OFFICERS

OF THE

### Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture, FOR 1840.

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*President*, . . . . . NICHOLAS BIDDLE.

*Vice-Presidents*, . . . . . DR. JAMES MEASE,  
JOSEPH CLOUD.

*Treasurer*, . . . . . ALGERNON S. ROBERTS.

*Secretary*, . . . . . KENDERTON SMITH.

*Assist. Sec'y and Librarian*, . . P. R. FREAS.

*Curators*, . . . . . JAMES GOWEN,  
AARON C. CLEMENT.

*Corresponding Committee*, . . . DR. G. EMERSON,  
JOHN C. MONTGOMERY.









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A quorum for business shall consist of at least five members, including the President or a Vice President.

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At all meetings of the Society the President shall perform the usual duties of that office; all motions shall be addressed to him, and on all questions he shall declare the votes, including his own; he shall sign all drafts on the Treasurer; he shall also call special meetings of the Society, when requested so to do in writing by any five members; three days’ notice, in a written

or printed form, stating the objects of said special meeting, to be given to each member of the Society by the Recording Secretary; also, said notice to be inserted in at least two daily newspapers in the city of Philadelphia. In the absence of the President, a Vice President shall preside; and in the absence of the President and Vice Presidents, a chairman for that meeting shall be appointed.

#### VI.—DUTY OF THE TREASURER.

He shall receive all moneys belonging to the Society, and pay all drafts ordered by the Society, signed by the President or presiding officer at any stated meeting, except in the payment of premiums ordered to be awarded at any of the exhibitions of the Society, which shall be made directly by the Treasurer. He shall keep the accounts methodically stated, in the books of the Society, and when called upon produce them for inspection. At the last meeting of every year, and also when his office ends, he shall produce a fair and regular account of all receipts, payments and expenditures; which, together with those books and moneys and other property in his hands, he shall deliver to his successor in office, or to the order of the Society.

#### VII.—DUTY OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep fair minutes of the proceedings of the Society in a book provided him for that purpose, and shall prepare a sketch of the proceedings of the stated and special meetings for publication in the newspapers, when any thing of interest shall transpire. He shall furnish a copy of any resolution or motion entered upon the minutes, when requested by any member or committee; he shall notify the members of all special meetings, and new members as well as such officers who may not be present at the annual meeting, of their election. He shall also have in charge all books and papers of the Society, belonging to his office, and shall attend the room of the Society on the first Wednesday in every month, between the hours of eleven and one.

#### VIII.—DUTY OF THE ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Assistant Recording Secretary shall perform the duties of the Recording Secretary in his absence, and shall also notify the members, by written or printed notices, of all the stated meetings of the Society, at least one week before the time of meeting; also, have said notice inserted in at least two daily newspapers in the city of Philadelphia.

#### IX.—DUTY OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society with other Societies or individuals, except in cases where a special committee shall be appointed for that purpose, and shall furnish the Recording Secretary with a minute of his correspondence.

#### X.—DUTY OF THE CURATORS.

The Curators are to take charge and care of all property and articles belonging to the Society, the books and papers of the Secretary and Treasurer excepted. They are to take measures, from time to time, for collecting all native fossils and earthy substances proper for manure, or deemed to be so, and to cause or procure the same to be analysed, and report to the Society the result. They are also to procure experiments to be made by careful agriculturists, of any such fossils, earth or substances, and to promote in every practicable way explorations, for the discovery of native substances, either known or presumed to be auxiliaries in fertilizing land. They are also to keep minutes of their proceedings, to collect models of the best agricultural implements, and report their usefulness and properties, and to cause such models to be deposited in the apartments of the Society; they are also to recommend, from time to time, the offering of premiums for any discovery or experiment on the foregoing subjects.

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### XIII.—OF DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS.

All donations and bequests made to the Society, for general purposes, shall be faithfully applied; and all donations and bequests as shall be given, granted, made or devised for any particular purpose, shall, with all due fidelity, be so used and applied. The names, amount, and description of all donations, shall be registered in a roll kept for that purpose.

### XIV.—ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

New members, whether resident or honorary, shall be elected by the ballots of a majority of those present at a stated meeting, having at a preceding meeting been openly nominated, and such nomination entered upon the minutes of the Society; the nomination and election to be made in the absence of the candidate.

### XV.—OF PREMIUMS FOR ESSAYS, &c.

The Society may, from time to time, propose prizes for essays, &c., upon interesting subjects connected with the objects of the institution.

### XVI.—OF EXHIBITIONS.

The Society may, at its discretion, hold exhibitions of stock, produce, implements, &c., award prizes or certificates of merit to such stock, produce, implements, &c., as may be deemed worthy of distinction; and generally make such provision and arrangement as may carry out these important objects of the Society.

### XVII.—OF AN AUXILIARY CLUB.

The Society may authorise the formation of a farmer's club out of such portion of its active members as may see fit to unite in promoting its designs, to be auxiliary to the objects and interests of the Society, to which it shall make an annual report of its proceedings. Its meetings shall be monthly or semi-monthly, and held at the respective residences of the members or elsewhere. Its officers shall be such as the club may deem necessary.

### XVIII.—OF ANNUAL PAYMENTS.

For the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of the Society, every resident member, except the editors of the newspaper press, shall annually pay to the Treasurer the sum of three dollars; and all such subscriptions shall be considered payable on or before the stated meeting in July of each year, the year dating from the annual meeting in January. Members elected during the year to pay the proportion of the year unexpired.

## XIX.—ELIGIBILITY OF PRESIDENT.

No person shall be eligible to the office of President for a longer term than two successive years.

## XX.—OF NEW RULES.

New rules or alterations to be made in old rules, except at the annual meeting in January, shall be proposed, and the proposal entered upon the minutes, at a preceding stated meeting, and may then be made by not less than two-thirds of the members present.

## XXI.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading of the Minutes of the preceding meeting or meetings.
2. Election of Members.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Deferred Business.
5. New Business.
6. Discussion of Questions.

## XXII.—OTHER BY-LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS.

All other By-Laws and Resolutions, inconsistent with the foregoing By-Laws, are hereby repealed.



## RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the salary of the Recording Secretary be one hundred and twenty-five dollars per annum; and that he be required to keep open the room of the Society every Wednesday between the hours of eleven and one.

2. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Ten be authorised and requested to report to the Society some suitable location or locations, as a permanent exhibition ground, as well as the most favorable terms on which the same may be obtained.

3. *Resolved*, That the management of the public exhibitions of the Society shall be conducted by a committee consisting of nine active members, the President always being one, who shall be called a Committee of Arrangement, and which shall be organised at any regular meeting of a majority of its members, by the appointment of a Chairman and Secretary, and also a Dinner Committee. The Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the Committee, and shall attend at the ground during an exhibition, and record in a book provided for the purpose, separately and respectively, all stock, implements and

produce, entered for premium or exhibition, with the name, age, and breed of the stock, and the name and residence of the owner; also, a catalogue of all implements and produce, as well as of all other articles embraced in the premium list, that may be offered, with the name and residence of the owner as aforesaid. Each member of the Committee shall wear a distinguishing badge, in order to facilitate the business of the exhibitions.

4. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Arrangement shall prepare for publication in the newspapers, at the earliest practicable period after an exhibition, an official report of the proceedings of such exhibition, properly authenticated, giving the name and residence of each contributor, and stating the object or objects, article or articles, that he shall have contributed, which shall precede the reports of the different committees incident to an exhibition—a copy of which official proceedings shall be tendered for publication in such newspapers as the Committee of Arrangement may deem proper, at such time that they may appear in all simultaneously.

5. *Resolved*, That the premiums hereafter awarded by the Society, shall be distributed to the successful competitors, as far as practicable, on the exhibition ground, at such time during an exhibition as the Committee of Arrangement shall appoint; and each award shall be accompanied with a certificate of such award, signed by the President of the Society, and attested by the Recording Secretary.

6. *Resolved*, That the Committee of Arrangement shall be required to make, at the next stated meeting of the Society after an exhibition, a general report of its proceedings, except in the matter of the contingent receipts and expenditures, which shall be in detail.

7. *Resolved*, That hereafter the price of admission to the public exhibitions of the Society, shall be fixed by the Committee of Arrangement.

8. *Resolved*, That as soon as a time shall be fixed on for an exhibition, the President shall appoint Township Committees in every township represented in the Society, whose duty it shall be to use their personal efforts in multiplying the contributions to said exhibition.

9. *Resolved*, That at each stated meeting of the Society, there shall be at least one subject, connected with practical agriculture, discussed by the members—each subject shall be proposed at a preceding meeting, and shall take precedence in the order of their proposal by the members, and the Recording or Assistant Recording Secretary shall give notice in the newspapers of the same.

## LIST OF OFFICERS

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